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Agency of Human Services  
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# Global Commitment Register

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GCR 17-082  
PROPOSED

## **Inpatient Prospective Payment System**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is changing its reimbursement methodologies for the Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS). DVHA will increase the IPPS base rate paid to border teaching hospitals to align with the IPPS base rate paid to in-state teaching hospitals, and will continue to align the IPPS base rate for these facilities in future rate updates. DVHA will also increase the Rehabilitation Add-On Payment for border teaching hospitals to align with in-state teaching hospitals. The IPPS base rate for teaching hospitals is \$8,390 and the Rehabilitation Add-On Payment is \$300 per diem.

This change is being done through Global Commitment to Health waiver authority, where DVHA may establish rates with providers on an individual or class basis without regard to the rates currently set forth in the approved State Plan.

### **Effective Date:**

January 1, 2018

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Global Commitment to Health Waiver](#): Waiver authority #5 [Section 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30)]; Special Term and Condition #28.

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The estimated annualized fiscal impact is \$7,968,325.

### **Public Comment Period:**

9/13/17 – 10/13/17

Send comments to:

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Or submit via e-mail to [AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.MedicaidPolicy@vermont.gov).

There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/> either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events.

**Additional Information:**

The draft Global Commitment Amended State Plan page provides additional details on the proposed changes; copies of the draft pages can be requested from local Department for Children and Families (DCF) offices or from DVHA at (802) 355-8843, or can be found on the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/global-commitment-to-health/global-commitment-register-proposed-policy-changes>.